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SUBJ: V-J DAY WINDOW DISPLAY

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C) STATE 114299; D) WARSAW 3118

1. POST REAFFIRMS ITS VIEW THAT V-J DAY EXHIBIT WILL HAVE GREAT PROGRAM VALUE IN EE AND BELIEVES TROUBLESOME ISSUES SUCH AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS EMPLOYMENT CAN BE AVOIDED THROUGH SAME CAREFUL COMPOSITION AND WORDING RPO USED FOR V-E EXHIBIT.

2. DISTORTIONS OF HISTORY PRESENTED TO EE POPULATION WITH REGARD TO RESPECTIVE SOVIET AND AMERICAN ROLES IN EUROPEAN WAR IGNORED AMONG OTHER THINGS FACT THAT US WAS INVOLVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MAJOR PACIFIC WAR AGAINST ANOTHER AXIS POWER AND THAT ROLE PLAYED IN EUROPEAN THEATER AND MASSIVE AID TO SOVIETS ALL THE MORE SIGNIFICANT IN THAT CONTEXT. V-E DAY SPEECH BY HSWP POLITBUREAU MEMBER ANTAL APRO FLAUNTED STATISTICS

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ON HOW MANY MORE SOVIET DIVISIONS, MEN AND VICTIMS WAR

INVOLVED, AS IF PACIFIC THEATER NEVER EXISTED.

3. EXHIBIT ALSO ESSENTIAL TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBILITY
THAT ROLE OF SOVIET ENTRY DURING CLOSING DAYS OF WAR
AGAINST JAPAN BE OVERPLAYED, AS IT WELL MAY BE IF THE
PAST WEEK'S PERFORMANCE IS ANY GUIDE.

4. POST FULLY ENDORSES EXCELLENT WARSAW SUGGESTION
REF. D FOR CONTENTS OF EXHIBIT.
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